

Perjury Case Is Expected To Add Light on JFK 'Plot'

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New Orleans, March 18—More details of District Attorney Jim Garrison's charge that President Kennedy was a victim of a conspiracy will be disclosed within 10 days when Dean Andrews Jr., a suspended assistant district attorney from neighboring Jefferson Parish (County), will be arraigned in Criminal District Court here.

Andrews, who told the Warren Commission that he received a telephone call after the assassination asking him to defend Lee Harvey Oswald, was indicted by the Orleans Parish grand jury Thursday for perjury. He had told the commission the telephone call came from a Clay Bertrand.

Garrison has been trying to prove that Bertrand was actually Clay Shaw, 54, the businessman ordered to trial yesterday, accused of conspiring with Oswald to assassinate Kennedy. Warren Commission investigators failed to find Bertrand.

Before Grand Jury Twice

Andrews, a roly-poly lawyer who always wears dark glasses, will be arraigned before Judge Frank J. Shea. He has made two appearances before the Orleans grand jury and was suspended as an assistant DA for "bringing notoriety" to his office.

Before the grand jury, Andrews was asked if he could identify Bertrand and Shaw as being the same. Although his answer is still a secret record, he has given contradictory statements to newsmen outside the grand jury room.

One of the questions emerging from last night's ruling that Shaw must face trial is whether the Warren Report will be admitted as evidence. Garrison, who is trying to disprove the commission's conclusion that Oswald acted alone, will fight to keep it out.

Some of the most bitter arguments during the four-day pre-



Clay Shaw



Dean Andrews Jr.

Figure in different phases of probe

liminary hearing involved the commission's report.

Defense attorneys argued that they were entitled to enter the report as evidence. "This is not a slapstick report, this is a report made as the result of a Presidential order," said William Wegmann, a Shaw attorney.

The state attacked the report as nothing more than hearsay.

One of the three judges presiding at the hearing, Judge Matthew Braniff, commented: "The Warren Commission report is

fraught with hearsay and contradictions."

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He and Judge Bernard J. Bagert overruled Judge Malcolm O'Hara, who felt that the report should be admitted.

No comment or statements were received from Shaw or his attorneys today. Following the hearing yesterday, Shaw and his attorneys walked silently from the court refusing to make any statement on the decision.